

## **Topsfield Zoning Board of Appeals**

June 28, 2011

Chairman Moriarty called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM. Board members present were Bob Moriarty, Kristin Palace, Jody Clineff and David Moniz. Roberta Knight, Community Development Coordinator was also present as well as the applicants, their representatives and interested residents. See attendance sheets for specific public hearings.

**Visitors:** Selectman Martha Morrison; Cynthia Prouty.

**191 Washington Street:** At 8:10PM, Chairman Moriarty called to order the public hearing to consider the application of Cynthia Prouty for premises located at 191 Washington Street, a non-conforming lot, requesting a finding pursuant to Article III, Section 3.05 of the Zoning By-Law relative to the construction of an above-ground swimming pool. Clerk Kristin Palace read the legal notice for the record.

Ms. Prouty noted that the pool would be located in the northeast back corner of the lot that was already fenced in and within the legal setbacks for the lot. It would not impact the septic system which was on the other side of the backyard. No abutters were present. Member David Moniz made the motion to approve a finding pursuant to Section 3.05 of the Topsfield Zoning By-law that the construction of an above-ground swimming pool would not be substantially more detrimental or objectionable to the neighborhood; seconded by Clerk Kristin Palace; so voted 4-0.

**Summer Schedule:** It was the consensus of the Board that there would be no scheduled August meeting. If an application is filed that required urgent attention that could not wait until the September meeting, the Board would then schedule a hearing date.

**Minutes:** Chairman Moriarty made the motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2011 as written; so voted 5-0.

**Soil Removal Designee:** Chairman Moriarty volunteered to be the ZBA designee to the Soil Removal Board for fiscal 2012.

**ZBA Appointee:** It was the consensus of the Board to forward a positive recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for David Merrill as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace retiring member Scott Dow. Chairman Moriarty signed the volunteer form with a positive recommendation that would also be accompanied with a letter of recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM

Respectively submitted,

Roberta M. Knight  
Community Development Coordinator